

Micah 7 – The Shepherd King Brings Salvation and Peace

Introduction

1. One Prophecy, 3 Oracles, 2 Messages: Divine Retribution on the Wicked and Divine Redemption of a Remnant
2. Judgment and Woe on Judah's Inhabitant Pronounced
3. Foundational Sin: False Worship, Leading to Depravity
4. God's Answer to the Sin of His People: Salvation and Redemption connected to a Coming Shepherd King
5. This Shepherd King will be their Peace and Rescue Them
6. Chs. 1-6: Micah is the Public Speaker and Broadcasts Judgment and Deliverance to the People
7. Chapter 7: Adjustment in the Message – Micah turns to himself and his own perspective and praises God

The Main Idea: The Word of God ought to humble the believer to see the justice deserving nature of his or her sin, and then praise our Shepherd King for the salvation and peace He delivers.

Micah's Proclamation is God's Word

1. God's Word was given to Micah; Micah did not speak from what was in his own mind or heart apart from Spirit
2. The Word of God has an Impact on the Reader & Speaker
3. The Verbal Plenary Inspiration of Scripture: The human recipient of God's Word maintains his own vocabulary and personality as God delivers His message to him
4. What was spoken by Micah was as God intended it to be
5. God preserves the integrity of His message
6. God's Word to Micah *Impacted* Micah Personally

Micah's Perception of Himself: Micah's Response (vv 1-13)

1. Micah prophesied to a society built on the Lord's covenant with Moses; Unlike American Society
2. Professing Believers attached themselves to the name of Yahweh, but denied Him in their lives
3. Our Culture: *The Visible Church* attaches themselves to the name of Christ, yet their hearts are far from Him
 - a. A Difference between Church Attender Consuming the message without Commitment and Devotion...
 - b. And... the Church Attender who is Fed and then becomes Involved and Devoted to God's Mission
 - c. *The Invisible Church:* Those within the Body of Christ who are truly Born Again on Mission with God

4. Micah's Response to God's Message
 - a. He Grieved the Absence of Holiness – No harvest! The People of God Accommodated the Culture (1-6)
 - i. Watered Down Word Tickles Ears – Dim light, Salt turned into Sugar
 - ii. Every Level of Society Corrupted
 - iii. No reason to Trust the People; No Confidence in Man
 - iv. The Church today is shaped more by Society than The Church shapes Society
 - v. The Family Unity breaks down because of Sin
 - vi. Micah's Attitude should be Ours: Sin should make one sorrowful and sad
 - b. He Depended on God for his Hope! (7)
 - i. God Listens to Him even if the People do not
 - ii. God is Powerful to Save!
 - c. God's Future Trajectory gives Micah Confidence (8-10)
 - i. The Enemy will be Destroyed
 - ii. The Remnant will Arise in the Strength of their Lord
 - iii. God's Light Shines in the Believer's Darkness and Exposes Sin and Defeats the Enemy
 - d. He Humbly Sees His Own Sin as Part of the Problem (9a)
 - i. He is a man of unclean lips in the midst of a people with unclean lips
 - e. Micah's Confidence is not in Himself, but in the Lord's Grace and Mercy (11-13, 16-17)
 - i. The Lord's Building Project will Expand beyond the City of Jerusalem to the Ends of the Earth
 - ii. Those who abandoned the Lord and those who were Hostile and Opposed the Lord will be Brought In
 - iii. Those who Oppose will be made Desolate
 - iv. Jesus is Building His Church – Are you onboard?

Micah's Prayer to God: Micah's Reverence (vv 14-20)

1. Micah's Request: Lord, Do what you said in Ch. 5 – Shepherd Your People! (14-17); Nourish and Deliver Your Sheep
 - a. Jesus is the Good Shepherd Fulfilling Micah's Prophecy
2. Micah's Reverence: Who is a God like You? (18-20)
 - a. Strong Focus on Sin – Iniquity, Transgression, Sin
 - b. Focus on the Nature of God's Forgiving Grace – He Pardons, He passes over Transgression, His anger is limited, His steadfast love, compassion, faithfulness
 - c. The Heart is Won by Love: Highest Expression of God's Grace & Love is Giving His Son Jesus to Forgive our Sins
 - d. Micah's Name: *Who is Like Yahweh*
3. What Our God is Like: *Bethlehem:* The Lord Sent His Son to Save the Sinner! *See Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)*